Description of the Field:
Great personal satisfaction and fulfillment can be achieved through a career in the arts by creating work and utilizing technical expertise. The arts practices are diverse and vary widely between mediums. Some artists specialize in just one medium while others have skills in multiple disciplines. Earning a living solely from selling your work can be challenging, but many artists supplement their income with arts related jobs such as teaching or curating a museum or gallery. There are many paths you can take to manifest a successful career in arts practices.

What Can I Do With This Major:
- Art History
- Art
- Education
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Marketing

Industry Overview:
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
- Colorado Creative Industries
- National Endowment for the Arts

Sample CU Majors:
- Explore Art & Art History
- Explore Performing Arts

Prepare for an Internship/Job Search

CU Clubs/Organizations:
- Boulder Photography Club at CU
- Fashion Design Student Association (FDSA)
- Figure Drawing Club
- Photographic Artists of CU
- Walkabout Creative Arts Journal

Sample Local Opportunities:
- Art District on Santa Fe
- Art Students League of Denver
- Boulder Arts Commission
- Boulder Digital Arts
- Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art
- Colorado Contemporary Arts Collaboration
- NoBo Art District
- Open Studios
- Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
- The Dairy Center for the Arts

Professional Organizations:
- American Art Therapy Association
- American Association of Art Museums
- American Institute of Graphic Arts
- Association of Art Museum Curators
- College Art Association
- Industrial Designers Society of America
- National Art Education Association
- National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA)

Visit SOFO Student Groups Directory for Additional Clubs.

Broaden Your CU-Boulder Experience.
Start an Internship/Job Search

Search for Internships & Jobs:

International Focus:
Canada Council for the Arts, EU Art Jobs, Sotheby Institute Masters Programs,

Visit Go Global for additional resources.
Login to Careers Buffs to find internship and job postings from employers specifically seeking CU-Boulder students.

Adapt for a Changing World

Insider Advice & Trends:
The fine art industry can be incredibly competitive. Not only do you need to master your technical skills and develop a portfolio, but networking also plays a key role in becoming successful. Develop a name for yourself and market your work. Design a website, post your work on social media, and design your own business cards. Start networking with galleries, attend first Fridays and share your contact info. Reach out to local artists and conduct an informational interview. Consider gaining additional experience outside of academics through internships and volunteering. Look into artists’ residencies to further develop your portfolio post-graduation or search for grant opportunities to support your artistic endeavors.

Sample Employers Recruiting at CU:
Abrakadoodle
Alpine Arts Center
American Museum of Natural History
Backpacker Magazine
Boulder County Arts Alliance
Butterfly Pavilion
Nine Dot Arts
Rent the Runway

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